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Council Priorities

1. Economic security

Training for workforce needed.

2. Family Resource Center/grant writer

Family Resource Center/grant writer needed.

3. Substance abuse prevention.

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Issues

Issues are the primary concerns or problems facing children in the county

Early Care Education

Children (0 – 5) are provided opportunities to fully develop emotionally, socially, physically, and cognitively and are ready to succeed.

Need for additional Head Start program

Action Steps

- 1) Locate and list all daycare sites, research feasibility of additional head start program.

Increase understanding regarding Head Start program needs

Action Steps

- 1) Meet with local government leaders.
- 2) Eliminate barriers to serving more students through Head Start.

Economic Security

Children grow up in a financially stable home where the child's basic needs can be met.

Population lacks highly trained workforce

Action Steps

- 1) Promote/support education of citizens in BIBB County to allow them access to better jobs.

Lack of Family Resource Center

Action Steps

- 1) Address local research feasibility of Family Resource Center to include adult education/family literacy center, secure a grant writer for BIBB County for all government entities.

Education

Children learn the skills necessary to become productive citizens.

Communication with home and schools to improve education

Action Steps

- 1) Communicate to parents the basics children should know when entering kindergarten, collect information on childcare programs in BIBB County and provide to schools so that schools can communicate with daycare agencies.

Lack of intervention programs

Action Steps

- 1) Support/promote scientifically research based intervention programs, seek opportunities for grant funding to support programs, and research feasibility of establishing Family Resource Center, including intervention for domestic violence, and Children's Advocacy Center by DHR.

Comprehensive Needs Assessment

Action Steps

- 1) Develop a survey to assess community needs, administer survey, evaluate results, and determine needs.

Health

Children's (0 - 19) physical and mental well-being in the county.

Pervasive use of legal or illegal drugs

Action Steps

- 1) Implement parent education program for increasing awareness, implement Tar Wars program, and sponsor/promote Operation Save-Our-Teens.

Early detection of child health issues

Action Steps

- 1) Support efforts of BIBB County Child Caring Foundation to provide school based health screenings.
- 2) Dissemination of information on child health issues and interventions.

Childhood eating disorders

Action Steps

- 1) Address childhood eating disorders including obesity/diabetes/anorexia/nutrition/exercise.
- 2) Dissemination of information on childhood eating disorders to raise awareness of parents.

Parent Involvement Skills

Parents and guardians participation and effectiveness in fostering an environment for children to become mature, responsible and independent adults.

Parent awareness of abuse or neglect

Action Steps

- 1) Educate parents about how to watch for symptoms of abuse, including physical, sexual, emotional, and verbal.

Lack of Family Resource Center

Action Steps

- 1) Address local research feasibility of Family Resource center to include adult education/family literacy center.

Safety

Children live free of abuse, neglect, crime, and drugs.

Children with indication of abuse or neglect

Action Steps

- 1) Educate parents about how to watch for symptoms of child abuse, including physical, sexual, emotional, and verbal; education through school-based parent involvement center.

Children live and attend school in safe environments

Action Steps

1) Operation Save-Our-Teens, continue to sponsor programs in schools, work toward getting school resource officers in schools, and continue to support Stop the Knock.

Lack of Resource Center

Action Steps

1) Implement the Parent Project, promote/support Boys and Girls Club, and raise awareness regarding indifference/apathy in parenting.

Policy Recommendations

No Policy Recommendations submitted